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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a customer support method for diagnosing a failure occurring in an electrical home appliance from a remote location, proposing replacement with the compatible product of lower power consumption which provides the maximum advantages for a customer and indicating objective data at a low cost.

SOLUTION: For the inquiry of the failure of the electrical home appliance 1, the information of a customer operation procedure at failure reproduction and a corresponding response order is obtained from the remote location through the Internet 6. By a self-diagnostic means 9, at supplying the power of the electrical home appliance 1, at interrupting the power and while energizing the power, a response to the information / instruction of input is confirmed and the time sequence of operation contents instructed by the customer and the time sequence of the response contents are diagnosed. The diagnosed

result is transmitted from a network communication means 3 to a network communication means 4 and stored in the storage means 7 of a remote diagnosis / operation unit 2. Also, remote diagnosis is realized and the customer is supported directly and objectively by a person in charge of customer product maintenance of a maker.

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